

## The Watchman and Southern.

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

O'Donnell &amp; Co.—Fall and Winter Merchandise.

Sumter Hide, Junk &amp; Fur Co.—Take Notice.

## PERSONAL.

Rev. T. G. Herbert is in the city for a few days stay.

Mr. J. E. DuPre, of Pisgah, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. Cliff Dorn went to Columbia Thursday morning.

Mr. W. G. Wells, of Privateer, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. J. R. Webster, of Florence, spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. John C. Durant spent Saturday in town on business.

Mr. James Reaves, of Durants, was in the city Saturday.

Miss Edna Tryon, of Columbia, spent Thursday in the city.

Mr. W. Dukes Carson, of Stateburg, spent the day in town.

Col. W. D. Scarborough, of Dalzell, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. M. G. Ryttenberg has returned to the city from New York.

Mr. E. P. Toomer, of Saratoga, N. Y., spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Lucile Randle left for Winthrop College Tuesday morning.

Misses Lemie and Mable Bowman returned Thursday from Dalzell.

Mr. Louis Williamson, of Providence, spent Thursday in Sumter.

Mr. J. M. Reid, of St. Charles, spent Thursday in town on business.

Mr. Eugene Forshee, of Columbia, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city.

Mrs. W. D. Blanding and little daughter are visiting Mrs. Mark Reynolds.

Miss Elizabeth Satterwhite left yesterday for Rock Hill to enter Winthrop College.

Miss Louise Murray returned to Rock Hill yesterday for the opening of Winthrop College.

Mr. Mason C. Brunson, the representative of The News and Courier, was in the city last week.

Mrs. Kate Clarke, of Jacksonville, Fla., is visiting Mrs. Neill O'Donnell and Miss Ethel Cobb, her daughter.

Mr. Emilie Nigels, of Duneden, Fla., who has been visiting the family of Dr. C. P. Osteen, left for his home Monday morning.

Miss Inez McCullough returned to her home in Darlington on Monday. She spent Sunday in Sumter at the home of Dr. Osteen.

Mr. Walter Boyle left yesterday for Spartanburg. Wofford College opens today and Mr. Boyle will enter the junior class.

Mrs. August Schilling and Mrs. John I. Brunson have returned from Charleston accompanied by Mrs. J. P. Lopez, a sister of Mrs. Schilling.

Miss Alma Smith, who has been visiting Miss Marie Durant, left last Saturday for Rowesville, S. C., to take charge of the public school at that place.

Mr. Alva Lumpkin, of Columbia, spent a few hours in Sumter Friday.

Mr. Lumpkin is an old student at the University of South Carolina, and his trip this morning was to look up some of his college friends.

Mr. A. R. Sanders, of Hagood, was in Sumter on Thursday and left for New York to attend the annual meeting of the National Prison Conference. This is the fifth meeting of the Conference.

Mr. Sanders has attended.

Mr. J. E. King, who has been in charge of the Sumter branch of Abbott's Cigar Store, has been recalled to Columbia. There he will take a higher position under Mr. Abbott.

Mr. Long Markey has come to take Mr. King's place, and from now on will conduct the Sumter store.

Mr. Richard L. Manning went to Washington Thursday on business connected with the Cotton Warehouse Company. From there he will go on to Atlantic City, where Mrs. Manning has been taking medical treatment for some weeks. Mr. Manning expects to be gone several days.

The city schools resumed work on Monday with the largest first day enrollment in their history. In the white schools there were present over 650 pupils.

Mr. C. F. Lowe, who came to Sumter in the early part of the year, from Greensboro, N. C., and, after purchasing the Bewley Hardware Company, organized the Carolina Hardware Company leaves Sumter tomorrow for Winston, N. C., where he will make his home in the future.

Mr. Lowe goes to Winston to accept the position of manager, at a salary of \$3,000 a year, and a partnership in the oldest and largest hardware firm in Winston, which were offered him a short time ago. The Carolina Hardware Co. has been established on a solid basis and has done such a profitable business that Mr. Lowe had no difficulty in disposing of his stock to his associates at a premium, notwithstanding the fact that the business is less than a year old.

Mr. Lowe's only reason for leaving Sumter is the flattering nature of the inducements offered him in Winston, and his friends here regret his departure, but wish him success in his new position.

Alderman Leiby, of Charleston, gave notice Tuesday in council that he would bring in a bill to transfer the duties of the city sheriff to the assessor's office. This will mean the abolishing of the city sheriff.

## Richardson-Macbeth.

Invitations are out to the wedding of Mr. John Smyth Richardson, Jr., formerly of this city and Miss Emily Hazzard Macbeth, of Greenville. The marriage will take place on the 26th of this month at 7 p. m., at Mount Pleasant Place in Greenville. Mr. Richardson is now working in the express office in Greenville and expects to make that city his home.

## MARRIED.

Rev. H. B. Covington officiated on Thursday afternoon at the marriage of Mr. H. J. Seymour and Miss Gertrude McClellan. The wedding took place at half-past five in the Episcopal Church. The approaching marriage had been kept very quiet and only a few friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present.

Mr. Seymour was for a number of years a member of the police force of this city, and now works in the dispensary.

## DEATH.

Miss Lily May Gordon, daughter of Mr. A. F. Gordon, died Saturday in the fifteenth year of her age. The funeral was held on Sunday morning at half-past ten at Mr. Gordon's home, No. 8 Harvin street.

Mr. H. G. Hill received a telegram Friday announcing the death of his brother, Mr. Sam Hill, in Hendersonville, N. C., Thursday. Mr. Hill whose home was near Heriot's Cross Roads, Lee County, went to Hendersonville in April by the advice of his physicians who hoped that his life would be prolonged by the change of climate.

His body was brought to this city Saturday afternoon and the interment was at Rembert Church at 1 o'clock Sunday.

Mr. Hill leaves a wife and four children and a wide circle of relatives and friends.

## Recorder's Court.

Only one case was tried Thursday before Recorder Hurst. Will Dickson, colored, was the offender, guilty of drunkenness and resisting the officers. Five dollars was the fine.

Four cases came up for trial on Friday. The principals were all colored and nothing out of the ordinary transpired. Drunkenness, disorders and cursing were the charges, though a woman was accused without conviction of carrying concealed knucks. To those less fortunate ten dollars or twenty days was the impartial penalty.

Only three cases came up before the Recorder on Saturday and one of these received the verdict "not guilty." There was John Harmon, who pleaded guilty to the charge of drunkenness and fighting, and then paid the five-dollar penalty.

Marion Williams is the colored boy who some time ago was caught in the act of stealing a coat from the store of Witherspoon Bros. He jerked away, however, and is now brought back by his father and made to plead guilty before Recorder Hurst. Ten dollars or twenty days was his reward.

Annie Martin, accused of disorder and cursing, was dismissed.

Liberty street was the scene of what trouble was reported to Recorder Hurst Monday morning. There was little enough of it. First, Hazell Wright, colored, was charged with fast driving. He had been caught doing the racing match, so he pleaded guilty and was given five dollars or ten days. The two remaining culprits were Sam Garner and Lawrence Delane, both colored. They pleaded not guilty to the charge of fighting and cursing, but the facts were against them and they were sentenced five dollars or ten days apiece.

Six cases were tried by Recorder Hurst on Tuesday. The first up was C. W. Burgess, charged with disturbing the peace. When Burgess came to trial he had already been one day in the guard house sick, so his prosecutor withdrew his charge and he was released. Jim Caff, colored, was the next to appear. Pleading guilty to a charge of public drunkenness, the court gave him sentence of five dollars or ten days. Lot Poole, also colored, was prosecuted for not stopping his automobile when signalled by a teamster whose horse was frightened. The evidence in this case was somewhat contradictory, so on Lot's agreeing to pay for repairing the broken vehicle, he was released with a word of warning from His Honor. Henry Lewis, colored, denied that he was drunk and disorderly, but the witnesses did not sustain him. He regained his liberty at an expense of five dollars. It seems that William Bossard and Tom Wilson, both friends of Henry Lewis had followed behind officer Pearson as he carried their companion to the guardhouse, and one of them, at least, interfered with the officer, grumbling that his friend was not guilty. This is the account brought out today before the court, and a fine of three dollars was imposed on each.

A strange white man named Hough was under bond of five dollars to answer to a charge of public drunkenness. He did not appear and his bond is ordered forfeit.

## THE BRICK WORKS DAMAGED.

The Storm Monday Partially Wrecked Sumter Brick Yard and Work Cannot Be Resumed Within Thirty Days as the Necessary Repairs Will Require at Least That Much Time.

The storm that raged all of Monday and the greater part of the night did an almost incalculable amount of damage throughout this section of the state to the crops in the fields—thousands of bales of unpicked cotton that whitened the fields from one end of the State to the other were seized upon by the furies that rode upon the gale and swept away beyond the hope of recovery, thousands of tons of hay that had just been mowed or had been left in shocks in the fields, were scattered to the four winds of heaven and then beaten into the earth a sodden and valueless mass by the furiously driven torrents of rain. This is a loss and damage that thousands of farmers suffered and that cannot be estimated at this time in dollars and cents. Here and there in this city and in every neighborhood in the surrounding country for miles and miles are to be observed particular instances or examples of the destructive power of the storm—barns and other buildings blown down or unroofed, chimneys toppled over, fences levelled to the earth and trees that have withstood the gales of a hundred winters uprooted and lying prostrate. Such sights are to be seen upon every hand and it would be an endless task to attempt to mention even a half of those reported.

The most serious damage that was done in the vicinity of the city was at the Sumter Brick Works. The buildings were unroofed, the smoke stacks of the power house blown down, the big stack of the dry kiln wrecked, the sheds over the kilns and dry sheds blown away, and in fact almost everything wreckable was wrecked. In addition to the damage to the buildings and machinery something more than a half million green brick that were in the kilns ready for burning or under the dry sheds were utterly ruined by the downpour of rain that fell after the roofs were swept away. Mr. I. A. Ryttenberg, manager of the plant, will not venture an estimate as to the actual damage wrought by the storm; he simply says that everything on the premises will have to be overhauled and put in repair, that he does not know exactly what is ruined and what is only partially destroyed, but he is satisfied that at least thirty days will be required to make the necessary repairs and get the plant in running order again.

## WIND PLAYS HAVOC.

From Daily Item, Sept. 17.

The severe wind storm today has played havoc all over town, and with the rain too, to make the trees heavy. Many of them have come down. Every street tells the same tale. Branches and whole trees were across them all, fences are down too, and wires are broken in many places. Hampton avenue seems to have suffered more than the rest. More big trees have fallen there, and one of them right against the big side window of the Jewish Synagogue. Strange to say, as far as could be seen for the tangle of branches, not a pain was cracked and not a plank was splintered. Both electric wires, however, were broken at this point and are now—with the current of course, cut off—dangling in the street. A little nearer the Washington street corner another tree fell and straight into a whole set of telephone wires. A pole snapped off just below the cross arm and landed the whole upper half, cross and all, across the street in the tree tops. Four of five other poles are bent to an angle of forty-five degrees, and for a couple of blocks the line is out of plumb.

In the graded school building near by things came near being more serious still. To begin with all benches on the green were upset. Many of the window sashes were blown clear out and in and many others partially broken. A piece of the flying glass struck Miss Evans, one of the teachers on the hand, cutting her slightly and another piece cut Miss Cromer. Though the cuts were painful, they were not serious, and both teachers expect to be in their classrooms tomorrow.

## South Carolina at Seagirt.

Mr. George Warren, who has returned from the shoot at Seagirt, New Jersey, speaks interestingly of happenings there, and of the doings of South Carolina's contingent. Twelve men constitute the team of each State, but eighteen went from South Carolina, six of whom acted as substitutes. Mr. Warren, who is of the second regiment was the only member of the team not belonging to the third. He came out fifth in his team, while last year he had been fourth. The team was thirteenth with forty-one teams entered.

Most of the team entered the individual contest, and they have just reached home.

## COLD BLOODED MURDER.

John Coleman Killed William Berry Without a Word of Warning—Result of an Old Grudge.

Daily Item, Sept. 17.

Coroner Flowers and Deputy Sheriff Raffield returned this morning from Dean Bros. saw mill near Sumter Junction, where they went yesterday afternoon to hold an inquest over the body of William Berry, who was killed by John Coleman. Both were negro mill hands.

Dean Bros. saw mill is in the river swamp and is a very inaccessible place to one going from Sumter. Coroner Flowers and Deputy Sheriff Raffield, who were accompanied by Dr. Walter Cheyne, did not reach the mill until nearly 8 o'clock last night and it was necessary to procure the services of a guide to find it at all. The inquest was not concluded until nearly midnight as the witnesses had left the mill before the arrival of the officers and had to be summoned.

There were but two witnesses to the killing, which seems to have been a premeditated and deliberate murder. It occurred in Dean Bros. commissary about noon on Friday, 14th instant.

Daniel Rich testified that he and Willie Berry and Mr. Joseph Dean were in Dean Bros. commissary when John Coleman came in. Coleman, without saying anything, picked up an adze from the floor and struck Berry on the back of the head with the back of the adze. Berry fell backward to the floor and was dead in a minute. He never spoke after being hit. Berry did not know Coleman was in the store as his back was turned. He had heard Berry and Coleman quarrelling at the mill, but there was no quarrel in the commissary. After knocking Berry, Coleman jumped out of the door and ran off.

Joseph Dean said that he was in the commissary at the time Berry was killed but did not see the blow struck, although he heard the lick. When he turned around he saw Berry fall. Coleman had the adze in his hand. Coleman left the store and ran off at once. About two months ago Berry and Coleman had a quarrel, about Coleman accusing Berry of stealing \$5 from him.

It was stated further that no effort was made to capture Coleman, as he is a desperate negro and those at the mill felt that they had no authority to capture him dead or alive. Coleman went to Wedgefield where he has relatives, and sent back to the mill for his clothing. His messenger had left the mill only a short time before the officers arrived.

After the inquest an effort was made to get out of the swamp and return to the city last night, but it was impossible to do so and the night was spent at the mill.

Deputy Sheriff Raffield has gone to Wedgefield in quest of Coleman; but as he had an all night start there is not much hope of his capture.

## DANCE AT PROVIDENCE.

The Last Dance of the Season Was a Delightful Affair.

Wednesday night, out at that most delightful of resorts, the Providence Pavilion, was held the best dance of the season, and also the last.

Through the efforts of Mr. T. O. Sanders, the Northwestern ran a special train from this point to accommodate the Sumter dancers. It left at eight o'clock and returned at about two-thirty.

The Second Regiment Band was on hand and the music discoursed by them during the evening was all that could be desired.

A large crowd was present and thoroughly enjoyed every minute until the strains of "Home Sweet Home" put an end to the frolic, the dancers dispersing, tired but happy.

Stateburg turned out en masse and added greatly to the evening's pleasure. Together with them, those in the immediate neighborhood and the Sumter contingent, there were about seventy-five couples dancing, besides many who took advantage of the occasion to come out and enjoy the cool breezes of old Providence.

Among those present from Sumter were:

Mrs. Dr. Archie China, Miss M. W. Bennett, Misses Lucile D'Orme, Mabel Bowman, Florence Gordon, Tryon, Cornelia Kingman, Daisy Bowman, Lemie Bowman, Ellen Harrell, Lachicotte and Messrs. Hugh Phelps, Sam Gillespie, Robt. D. Graham, E. Scott Carson, Ransom Richardson, Henry Richardson, R. Dozier Lee, Ernest Bultman, James Lenoir, G. D. Levy, Hamp Flowers, Horace Hart, Wallace Brown, Cecil Schwerin and Hal Harby.

Hon. Wyatt Aiken, member of Congress from South Carolina, representing the Third District, was married at Louisville, Ky., last Saturday, to Miss Adair Monroe Taylor, of the city named.—The Mountaineer.

Landrum is to have a northern tourist hotel, but no consumptives are to be admitted.

## A FIERCE STORM.

THE EQUINOCTIAL GALE DOES CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

Charleston Escapes Serious Injury, But Many Interior Towns Report Damage—The Cotton Crop Probably Seriously Injured.

Greeleyville, Sept. 17.—The storm that struck Greeleyville today is the worst in a number of years. Some say it was even worse than the August storm of '93. The wind blew with terrific force for about six hours, doing considerable damage to property but fortunately no lives were lost.

The Mallard Lumber Company are probably the heaviest losers. The roofing is blown off their planing mill, sheds over the smokestack were blown down, several small houses used for grain and hay blown down, and several other accidents to their plant, amounting to at least a thousand dollars.

Mr. J. F. Register was also a heavy loser. All of the chimneys were blown down at his house. One large chimney falling on a part of the house, crushing it like a shell. His loss will be three or four hundred dollars at least.

The residence of Mr. T. W. Boyle was also considerably damaged. One chimney is down and a great quantity of glass broken, but his loss is not as heavy as Mr. Register's. Other residences in town were damaged more or less.

Among the business houses with which the wind played havoc was that of Mr. S. V. Taylor, who had the large glass windows in front of his store blown in, and the Greeleyville Mercantile Company's building, which is covered with tin, was partly unroofed, doing considerable damage to their stock. The new ginery was also damaged, but the extent is not known.

Mr. E. O. Taylor's brick making plant was very much damaged. He had been running only about a week and, in addition to the loss of the brick, he had the shed over the machine blown down and it came very near catching him as it fell—so near that a part of the shed struck his foot as he made his escape.

## The Storm in Columbia.

Columbia, Sept. 17.—Columbia got a first class storm this evening. The wind and rain were heavy. The former blew down trees and wires, and the telephone and telegraph lines were in trouble. Most of the lights were out, but the residence circuits were gotten in shape by night, and "The Toast of the Town" was presented to a small and appreciative audience, while it was raining and blowing outside in a strong gale.

Many roofs leaked and a section of about twenty feet was blown from the warehouse of the Richland Distillery.

Two mules were killed here tonight and another one shocked by live wires.

## Charleston Suffered Little.

Charleston, Sept. 17.—The fog end of a storm struck Charleston today and for a short time the wind reached a velocity of 47 miles an hour. It was accompanied by heavy rains. No damage was reported further than the falling of a few trees and mixing of some electric wires.

The city was cut off from Mt. Pleasant and Sullivan's Island after mid-day.

## The Damage in Florence.

Florence, Sept. 17.—This section was in the path of a terrible northeaster today, and the result is that there has been great damage done in the city and surrounding country.

The wind began blowing here early last evening, and continued in velocity throughout the night and all of today. At this writing, 8 p. m., it has not abated to any great extent, and our people have been considerably excited, more or less, since sundown last evening for fear of a cyclone approaching from the Gulf.

The streets are piled with trees, broken limbs, fences and awnings, which were blown down during the day. At the residence of Capt. J. V. Harker two large chimneys were blown off from the house.

The electric light, the telephone and the Western Union Telegraph companies are almost completely put out of business. The light company has suffered heavily, as many of their poles were broken and their wires snapped in twain. Tonight the city is almost in total darkness, and probably will be without lights all night.

## Death of Good Negro.

On Thursday Henry Mack, janitor of the City Hall died suddenly. He was buried Friday, the funeral services being held in the African Methodist Church. He was a good negro, respected by the whites and looked up to by the members of his own race.

Winthrop College has received applications from twice the number it can accommodate.

## CAN'T STOP EMIGRATION.

Boer Leaders Fail to Stem Tide, Argentina Benefitting.

Johannesburg, Sept. 15.—For the last two years the Boer leaders have been vainly endeavoring to stem the tide of emigration to Argentina, especially on account of well-to-do farmers joining the movement.

According to private letters from Boer settlers, the Boer settlements are doing well, and are receiving every encouragement from the Argentine government. Churches and schools have been established, and the settlers are exempt from military service.

One account has it that the Boers were asked why they did not emigrate into the interior of Africa. The answer was that they feared an extension of British dominions to all parts of Africa, but that on account of the Monroe doctrine of the United States they felt safe in South America.

## CHECKS FOR FIREMEN.

Property Owners Appreciate the Hard Work of Volunteer Fire Fighters

Chief R. S. Hood, of the fire department has received the following letters which are self explanatory:

Sumter, S. C., Sept. 15.

Sumter Fire Department,

Sumter, S. C.

Gentlemen—We inclose you here-with our check for \$100.00 which is a very small token of our appreciation of your heroic efforts to save our plant from fire on last Sunday afternoon.

With best wishes for each and every member of the department, we are,

Yours truly,

Sumter Lumber Co.

W. J. Jackson, Mgr.

Mr. R. S. Hood.—In behalf of the fire companies please find enclosed check for \$25.00. I would like to have made it more, but my insurance was so small, that I find I will lose more than I can afford to just now. Thanking you again for your efforts in my behalf, I remain,

Very truly,

H. E. DuRant.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of O'Donnell & Co. which appears today. As usual, this firm has made extensive preparations in the way of purchasing a full and complete stock of all lines of goods that they handle, and the fall and winter stock is one of the largest and best selected they have ever had.

## DESPERATE STRUGGLE WITH NEGRO FUGITIVE.

Beaufort, Sept. 11.—The negro, Edward Smalls, bound over by the magistrate at Bluffton, for assaulting a colored woman, who escaped handcuffed from a constable while on the way to Beaufort two weeks ago, was captured today by Deputy Sheriff Matthew White at Jacksonville, after a desperate struggle. The capture was made on Mr. Bissell's rice plantation, where Smalls had been working. Deputy Matthew White, accompanied by Mr. Padgett, one of Mr. Bissell's managers, found the negro in a rice field. He refused to throw up his hands and Mr. White fired four times, missing him, but overtook the fugitive, engaged him in a desperate struggle, and was about to shoot him when Mr. Padgett came up and assisted in overpowering the negro. Smalls said he would not be taken alive and came near carrying out his threat. Mr. White came near collapsing after his battle.

Letter to J. Wells.

Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: We shall feel obliged if you write us how you came out on your first few jobs Devoe, as to gallons expected and used.

Take Job A. You made your price, expecting to use 25 gallons Devoe, and used 15. Job B. You expected to use 15 and used 10. And tell us what paint you had used before. Of course, you judge Devoe by what you have used before.

Here's how a few came out.

M A Thomas, painter, Lynchburg, Va. writes: My first job with Devoe, I estimated 37 gallons; it took 25. Since then I have used nothing else.

O B Edwards, Raleigh, N. C. had used 80 gallons paste paint on his house, and bought 80 gallons Devoe; A E Glenn, his painter, said it wouldn't be enough. Had 16 gallons left.

May W. W. Carroll, Monticello, Florida, writes: Painter estimated 35 gallons for my house; took 20 gallons Devoe.

Gilmore & Davis Co., contractors and painters, Tallahassee, Florida, say 2 gallons Devoe spreads as far as 3 of any other paint they know, and covers better.

S A Ballard, painter, Sanford, Florida, estimated 50 gallons for Odd Fellows and Masonic Halls; they took 20 Devoe.

Jones & Rogers, Merkel, Texas, estimated 10 gallons Devoe for Mr. Pratt's house and bought 5 gallons for first coat; it painted two coats.

Erb-Springall Co., San Antonio, Texas, painted two houses same size for D J Woodward, one lead-and-oil, the other Devoe. Devoe cost \$12 less for paint and labor.

Tom Masey's painter, Walnut Springs, Texas, estimated for his house 10 gallons Devoe; he had 4 left.

You see how it goes. Even the best painters can't guess little enough at first.

Yours truly,

F. W. Devoe & Co.,

New York.

P. S.—Durant Hardware Company sell our paint.